

I am writing to express my concern about the Connecticut's General Assembly Planning & Development Committee's consideration of bill [HB 5429](#) that will remove the town of Fairfield's local control of our planning and zoning boards, create 'as of right' development, and dramatically increase the towns already rising population.

The town and its schools and roads cannot handle this type of development and it will also change the look and feel of our historic district, which is a treasure to our state residents. The main route (Route 1) through town is also already very dangerous given the number cars that drive on the roads and it will be even more dangerous for children, other pedestrians and the elderly to walk cross these roads and ride their bicycles. The infrastructure is also highly insufficient.

Please leave control over the growth of Connecticut towns to the local planning boards who know the towns and know how they should be developed for present and future generations to enjoy.

Thank you.

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